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ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD.

THE WEATHER
Forecast for Virginia: Fair, followed by local snows in southern portion.

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NOW SENATOR HARRIS.
Topeka, Kas., Jan. 26.—Both branches of the legislature to-day cast votes for United States Senator. Harris, Populist nominee, received a majority. The vote stood: Senate—Harris, 28; Burton, 10; King, 1. In the house—Harris, 73; Burton, 43; Caldwell, 2. The Republican revolt against J. R. Burton did not realize to the extent expected.

HE WAS ACQUITTED.
Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 26.—L. A. Culver, president of the Logan (Ohio) Bank, who has been on trial for the last week at that place on the charge of embezzlement, was acquitted by the jury to-day.

Phone 15, Farmers' Supply Company, Market Square, for Pocahontas, nut or lump; Russell Creek, nut or lump; Banner, nut or lump; Brush Mountain, nut or lump; Norton, nut or lump; Anthracite, nut or stove.

A BOOM IN BUILDING.

Roanoke Shows Signs of Returning Prosperity.

QUITE A NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIAL BUILDINGS NOW UNDER WAY OR ABOUT TO BE ERECTED—THE BUILDING PROSPECTS BETTER NOW THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE 1892—WHAT IS BEING DONE.

Roanoke is just now about to experience something of a building boom. It is not spasmodic, but will be the natural outcome of a demand for better and more substantial business houses. It will not be a boom based on fictitious values, and the building of houses to be seen and not used. In fact this year the building prospects are better than any year since 1892. For the past four years Roanoke has suffered severely from the effects of a boom that was not of a desirable character. She is now recovering from the effects of the craze incident to that boom, and it is hardly probable that the people of Roanoke would like to go through a similar experience. The population of the city is as great to-day as it ever was, and is now in a fair way to keep up a steady growth in that line, as many new families have come here and located permanently within the past six months. Roanoke is a good place to live, and with her natural resources and many facilities, should be one of the best towns in the South.

Following will be found a statement concerning the building prospects for the first half of the year:

Perhaps the most important building to be completed this year is the Norfolk and Western general office building. This building is now up to about the second story. It extends one entire block along Jefferson street, and also fronts on Shenandoah avenue. Since the recent cold snap set in work has practically been suspended on the building, but it is understood that it will be pushed rapidly to completion, and will, in the course of a few months, be occupied by the entire office force of the road. J. C. Nesbitt, of Harrisburg, is the contractor, and the building will be substantial and lasting in every respect. It will cost the Norfolk and Western Railway Company about \$100,000.

Next in importance possibly is the new public building, put up at a cost to the Government of \$75,000. This is a magnificent finished building on the interior, and a showy structure from the outside. It is located on the corner of Henry and Church streets. It is understood that Messrs. Spangler Bros., of York, Pa., who are the contractors for the interior work, will complete their contract tomorrow. All that remains to be done then before occupancy will be the placing of the lighting apparatus and the new furniture. This will all be done within the next two weeks, and on the 15th of February the post-office will be removed to this building.

Judge A. E. King and Capt. G. G. Good, of Staunton, will erect a two-story brick building, 26x80 feet, on the corner of Kirk avenue and Jefferson street, near the Y. M. C. A. building. The first floor will be used for stores, and the second floor, containing seven rooms, will be used as offices. H. H. Huggins is the architect, and the plans are now completed and the contract let to J. F. Barbours, who has already begun work. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy in about ninety days from the time of letting the contract.

J. H. Marsteller, the marble man, will erect a very handsome two-story brick building on Campbell avenue, north of the Farmers' Supply Company. The building will be finished with a white marble front, and will be 25 feet wide by 150 feet deep. It will be used as a marble yard and office by Mr. Marsteller. It is understood that work will begin some time in March, and will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

Nelson & Myers, hardware dealers, will erect a plain, substantial three-story brick building on Campbell avenue, about half way between the Farmers' Supply Company and the Terry building. The building will be 35x150 feet, and will be used as a hardware store. No plan for the building has yet been arranged, nor is it let to contract, but this enterprising firm intend to begin on the structure as soon as the winter opens up. It is their intention to complete the building by July, when they will remove from Commerce street, their present location.

Rosenbaum Bros. have already laid the foundation for an extension of their present building through to Campbell avenue. The building will be two or three stories, of brick, and will be 75 feet deep. This will give this firm a store room 150 feet in length, fronting on two streets, and will be perhaps the largest dry goods house in Southwest Virginia. The building is not yet let to contract, but will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit. It is the intention of the owners to occupy the building by June 1st.

A. L. Sibert has just completed an addition to his 131 annex, which gives him a depth of about 75 feet, and adds greatly to the appearance of his store.

B. Lacy Hoge has recently completed a handsome seven-room frame dwelling house on Campbell avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets. He has just moved into the new building. The plans were furnished by H. H. Huggins, the architect, and the building was constructed by M. F. Carner, contractor.

About half dozen new houses have been put up and are under construction in Belmont. There are two on Tazewell street s. e. Two on Seventh avenue s. e. One on Eighth avenue s. e. A small planing mill is also under way on Eighth avenue s. e. All these buildings are small, but it goes to show that Roanoke is on the upward grade, and instead of that standstill appearance from which the city has suffered for the past several

years, it shows a healthy condition of affairs. The growth of the city from now on is an assured fact. It may not be spasmodic, but values have gotten down to real worth, and fictitious prices do not prevail. On the whole, Roanoke is a good town, and a good field for investment.

A FATAL FIRE.

A Farm House Destroyed and Four People Burned to Death.

Belleville, Mich., Jan. 26.—The farmhouse of A. E. Vandewater, located three miles south of this place, was destroyed by fire this morning, and four persons burned to death. They were Mrs. Vandewater and her two children, a boy aged 8, and a girl aged 14 years, and Miss Anna Vandewater, a sister of Mrs. Vandewater. Mr. Vandewater was away from home.

The remains of the victims have been recovered, but in a charred condition. It is not known how the fire started, but supposedly from an overheated stove.

A HOTEL DESTROYED.

Ft. Smith, Ark., Jan. 26.—The new Windsor Hotel here was destroyed by fire this morning, and I. H. Pray, egg buyer for a Chicago firm, was burned to death. Many of the other guests had narrow escapes in their night clothes and all lost their baggage. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp in the hotel. The Shoptaw barber shop, Miller's jewelry store, and Moore's second-hand store were burned. Loss \$25,000, with partial insurance.

CARPETS BURNED UP.

Philadelphia, Jan. 26.—Early this morning flames were seen issuing from the windows of the carpet store of John and James Dobson, Nos. 800 and 811 Chestnut street. The fire was confined to the sixth floor in the upholstery department, but the floors below were damaged by water. A member of the firm said the loss would reach \$45,000, and is covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is not known.

35 HORSES BURNED.

Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 26.—For over two hours this afternoon the business section of the city was threatened with destruction by fire. Flames broke out in the Pophlery on St. Clair street, between the postoffice and Hotel Jefferson, and were with difficulty confined to that building. Thirty-five horses and numerous vehicles were destroyed. The loss is \$50,000, with but little insurance. The building was gutted completely.

LIQUOR IN FLAMES.

New York, Jan. 26.—A fire in the six-story buildings, 27 and 29 Pearl street, occupied by Berry Kent and Walter & Co., liquor merchants, caused a loss to the occupants and building aggregating from \$19,000 to \$50,000. One of the firemen was badly cut by falling glass.

POTTERY PLANT DESTROYED.

Penn. Ind., Jan. 26.—The Great Western Pottery was destroyed by fire this morning at a loss of \$40,000.

BIG ONE AT MILWAUKEE.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 26.—Milwaukee was visited by a fire this morning, which consumed a half block of small buildings on the corner of Wells and West Water streets. It took two fire trucks and seven engines to get the flames under control. The loss will reach about \$30,000.

FATAL CHICAGO FIRE.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—During a destructive fire tonight in the six-story structure at 195, 198, 200 and 202 Monroe street, used exclusively by wholesale firms, ten persons were seriously injured, and three will probably die. The structure, with its contents, was almost entirely destroyed. The loss is estimated at not less than \$280,000. The building destroyed is the property of W. M. Williams, and damaged to the extent of \$100,000. The other losses are distributed among numerous firms.

FIVE STORES BURNED.

Shelburne, Ont., Jan. 26.—Hannah & Berwick's brick block, which contained Hannah's hardware store, Berwick's jewelry store, Sawyer's shoe store, Galbraith's jewelry store, Berwick's general store, and Carson's saddlery shop, were burned this morning, with a loss of \$10,000; insured.

\$100,000 ST. LOUIS FIRE.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 26.—The newly-erected freight house of the Big Four railroad, in East St. Louis, with immense amount of freight, was destroyed by fire to-day. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The cause of the fire was an explosion of a barrel of oil.

ANOTHER CHICAGO FIRE.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 26.—The large grain elevator of the A. H. Purcell Malting Company at 123rd street and the belt line tracks, was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss was about \$350,000, covered by insurance.

SEELEY DINERS INDICTED.

New York, Jan. 26.—The grand jury to-day indicted Herbert E. Seeley, Theodore Rich and Jas. Phipps. The charges are misdemeanor, claiming they conspired to procure people to give an indecent performance. Mr. Seeley was indicted for getting up the dinner, and Mr. Rich was accused of assisting him. Phipps is the dramatic agent that secured the performers.

ALL WERE LOST.

Copenhagen, Jan. 26.—While the crew of a life boat was trying to save the crew of a fishing boat in the north off Haarbore Jutland yesterday, the boat capsized and all on board lost.

BUGGY ROBES.

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EPIDEMIC OF FIRES.

Wanamaker's Famous Store Narrowly Escaped Destruction.

A TREMENDOUS FIRE RAVAGED THE BUSINESS CENTER OF PHILADELPHIA YESTERDAY, CAUSING A LOSS OF NEARLY TWO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS—THE FIREMEN MADE A GALLANT FIGHT AGAINST THE FLAMES—MANY OTHER FIRES.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 26.—The fire which started at 6:45 o'clock this morning from an overheated oven in the basement of the six-story iron building, 1309 to 1317 Market street, burned over the block bounded by Thirteenth, Juniper, Market and Filbert streets, gutted sixty buildings and consumed property valued at \$1,500,000. Many small storekeepers lost their all, and several hundred working people were thrown out of employment. The damaged buildings were generally fully insured.

The fire was the worst that has been experienced in Philadelphia in a generation. The scene of the destruction was located in the heart of the city. Many of the properties destroyed, especially on Thirteenth, Juniper and Silver streets, the latter a small thoroughfare, were small, old-fashioned dwelling houses. Their destruction will probably be to the ultimate good, if new and more modern buildings are erected, but it is hard on the tenants.

Surrounding this section there are many wholesale stores and on the south side of Market street, directly opposite where the fire raged, is located the famous store of ex-Postmaster General Wanamaker. Though on fire time and again, and while the front on Market street was badly damaged, the store was saved from destruction.

To the west of the fire, but separated from it by the great width of the street and pavement at this point, is the great pile of white marble buildings used as the city hall.

Beyond the cracking of some of the plate glass windows by the intense heat, the hall escaped unscathed.

While there was a number of minor casualties among the firemen, no one was very seriously hurt, but one death is chargeable to the fire. John A. Felt, a book-keeper in the employ of a firm near the fire, dropped dead from heart disease, produced by the excitement.

The building at 1309 to 1317 Market street, was occupied on the upper floors by the umbrella factory of Hirsch Bros. They also occupied the lower floor of 1309 as a saleroom. Bennett's eating cafe occupied two other rooms on the ground floor, and the western room of No. 1317 Market street was occupied by Hanscom Bros. grocers. The Hanscom Bros. used the basement of their store as a bakery, and in this basement two bakers were at work this morning. Their furnace was overheated, a little spark flew out, a blaze followed, and almost in an instant the two workmen were stretched unconscious on the floor by the overpowering smoke. The smoke curled its way up through the floor, and a porter at work sweeping out the room dashed into the street calling "Fire." A policeman at the corner rung in an alarm, and then went back to the building to investigate the fire. Some one bethought themselves of the two bakers, and two young men descended through the smoke and dragged the half-suffocated men out.

The first engine was on the scene three minutes after the alarm was struck, but the fire was already through three floors. The thermometer was near zero, and the first line of hose burst and covered everything surrounding with water, that turned to ice the moment it struck. The flames gained on the firemen, and alarm after alarm was rung in until every engine in the city was hurrying to the scene.

Thousands of workers on their way to their places of business were attracted to the place of fire, and the vicinity soon became impassable. The police got the crowds back by great efforts and got their fire ropes up. The trolley cars were brought to a standstill, and the deadly vines by which they are run began to snap in the vicinity of the fire, threatening to deal death to those who came in contact with them. The current was turned off, and this danger was avoided.

The flames now had eaten their way up through the Hirsch building and broke through the roof. This firm employed about fifty hands, mostly girls. A strong wind from the west fanned the fire and carried burning brands of destruction to the roofs of the surrounding houses.

The firemen worked under the most discouraging conditions, the hosemen and ladder men taking their lives in their hands as they crawled cautiously up the icy-coated rungs of the ladders, dragging after them their lines of hose, which was encased in a solid covering of ice. The streets around the fire were coated with ice, and neither men nor horses could maintain their footing except by the exercise of the greatest caution.

The fronts upon the surrounding buildings upon which the water had been played, presented a beautiful spectacle as they flashed back from their icy walls the rays of the morning sun. The firemen's rubber coats stiffened around them, and

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frequently some man was borne away by his comrades and hurried to the hospital by the waiting ambulances.

The peculiarity of the fire as it grew larger was the great quantity of smoke. This further handicapped the firemen. The smoke was sent to the street in a solid cloud and firemen were driven back. It was seen that the Hirsch building was doomed, and the firemen turned their attention to saving the adjoining properties. This appeared to be hopeless.

Building after building along Market street crumbled at the touch of fiery tongues, and when the rear wall of the Hirsch building fell into Silver street the fire leaped across and entered the seven-story double iron building fronting on Filbert street, occupied by Danlap & Clark, printers, the Collins Carriage Company and a number of other firms. The entire block at this time was honey-combed by fire.

The firemen feared that the great Wanamaker establishment would go, and they watched it like hawks. Mr. Wanamaker himself had arrived early, and dismissing the greater number of his 3,500 employees, marshaled under his own direction the fire force of the store. These men were on the lower roof, and they speedily quenched the burning brands that fell there. The Market street front of the Hirsch building fell into the street. A torrent of fire rolled out and flowed across the wide street and broke against Wanamaker's. The building shriveled and blistered beneath the deluge of fire, and a long tongue of flame shot up from the high clock tower at the corner of Thirteenth and Market streets. The jets from the hose could not reach the flames in the tower and the entire building seemed threatened with destruction. The tower crumbled and fell, and this proved the salvation of the building, for the firemen were then able to fight the fire and soon had it under control, although the entire front of the store was deluged with water and the whole building was permeated with smoke.

Under the direction of Chief Baxter, Mayor Warwick and Directors of Public Safety Riter, the firemen did magnificent work, and by noon they succeeded in obtaining the upper hand of the fire. Though the fronts of the buildings on the east side of Thirteenth street were scorched, the fire was confined to the block that it started in. All these buildings on the Market street front, with the exception of Fryer, went down to destruction. The small stores along Thirteenth street to Silver street shared the same fate, but the rest of the block escaped destruction. It was cut and ravaged by the flames, but the losses at that part will not be total.

While the firemen were struggling with the fire two alarms came in from other sections of the city, and it was necessary to withdraw several engines and send them where those alarms came from. Fortunately these fires were small, and the companies were enabled to return to the scene of the greater destruction. Many of the losers were tenants, and it was impossible to get the loss of everyone.

IN THE FRONT RANK.

Messrs. Behr Bros. & Co. are to-day right in the front rank of the piano trade, and we can conscientiously say that they fully deserve to be there.—American Musician.

TO LICENSE SLUGGING.

Carson City, Nev., Jan. 26.—In the assembly this morning the bill licensing glove contests was passed. It is thought it will also pass the senate and be signed by the governor.

A CHATTANOOGA FAILURE.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 26.—C. A. Morross & Co., the oldest local dealers in farm and garden seeds, failed to-day, with liabilities of \$5,527. The assets are largely in excess of the indebtedness.

IN A RECEIVER'S HANDS.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 26.—The Mingo Mountain Coal and Coke Company, of Cumberland Gap, was to-day put into a receiver's hands at the request of the Bank of Cumberland Gap.

THE MOST POPULAR.

There is probably no more popular upright piano now before the musical public or that portion of the musical public who can afford to pay a good price for a good article than the Behr Bros.—Musical Courier.

COURT OF APPEALS.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 26.—Following are to-day supreme court of appeals proceedings:

Matthews, administrator vs. Traders Bank; argued by F. S. Kilpatrick and J. E. Hughes, and submitted.
Union Bank of Richmond vs. City of Richmond; argued by Charles U. Williams for plaintiff in error and continued until to-morrow.

The next cases to be called are Ross, administrator vs. Hughes' administrators, No. 47, and Baltimore Steam Packet Company vs. Williams & Co., and others, No. 49.

Good Shoes at Little Cost.

WE'VE STILL A GOOD MANY GOOD THINGS LEFT IN OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT. WE'RE CLOSING OUT OUR SIDES, GOING TO QUIT KEEPING THEM. THEY'RE YOURS AT COST.
GILKESON & TAYLOR.

JONES REELECTED.

Carson City, Nev., Jan. 26.—John P. Jones was reelected as United States Senator by the Nevada legislature.

BRUSH MOUNTAIN COAL.

We have just received a nice lot of Brush Mountain Coal, both nut and lump. The best we have seen this winter. An excellent substitute for Anthracite. Farmers' Supply Company, phone 15, yard phone 42 D.

SAYS SPAIN WILL FAIL.

Mr. Turpie Concludes His Speech on the Cuban Question.

HE SAYS SPAIN WILL NEVER BE

ABLE TO SUPPRESS THE REBELLION—MR. STEWART INTRODUCES ANOTHER COINAGE BILL—SENATOR DANIEL SPEAKS AGAINST THE NICARAGUA CANAL BILL—PASSED OVER THE VETO.

Washington, Jan. 26.—In the Senate to-day a very positive denial was given by Mr. Frye to the charge of labor associations that the effect of one of the bills, recently reported from the committee on commerce and passed by the Senate, would be the restoration of flogging on merchant vessels. He asserted that its effect would be to give greater security to the sailor against the brutality of any master at sea.

Senator Turpie, of Indiana, resumed and brought to a conclusion the speech begun by him on Monday on the recognition of Cuba.

He did not, as was expected, attempt to pillory Secretary Olney for denying the right of Congress to recognize a new government or a new nation; but confined himself to the argument that Spain had failed, and would fail, to suppress the insurgents, and that it was the duty of Congress to recognize the independence of the republic of Cuba.

Between the close of Mr. Turpie's speech and the close of the morning hour, there was a period of some forty minutes, which was utilized by Mr. Chandler, in setting consideration of his bill for a commission to an international monetary conference.

Mr. White made some peculiar remarks on the subject of Senator Wolcott's mission as envoy to Europe, and intimated that it was merely an effort of the Republicans to make people believe it was an effort to carry out pledges made in the St. Louis platform in regard to bimetallicism. He said the fullest chance would be given Republicans to carry out their promises, but they were doomed to failure. The commission, he said, if appointed, would never come home, because it would never go abroad, and the Republican party, feeling that its pledges had been carried out, would proceed to increase the taxes of the people.

Notice was given by Mr. Stewart of an amendment to the bill, making it the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, one month after the failure and adjournment of the committee, to coin all gold and silver brought to the mint for the benefit of depositors—the silver into silver standard dollars, and the gold into gold coin. The bill went over, with notice from Mr. Chandler that he would endeavor to have speedy action on it.

The remainder of the day's session was occupied by Mr. Daniel in a speech against the Nicaragua canal bill, as being "in fraud of the contract." At the close of Mr. Daniel's speech the Senate went into executive session, and at 5:15 p. m. adjourned till to-morrow.

IN THE HOUSE.

Another Presidential veto was repudiated by the House to-day. A bill to restore Jonathan Scott, a veteran of the Fifth Iowa Cavalry, to the pension roll, from which he was dropped from the bureau in 1891, at the rate of \$72 a month for total blindness, failed to receive Mr. Cleveland's approval.

Upon recommendation of the committee on invalid pensions, the House, by a vote of 137 to 52, passed the bill over the veto.

A bill was passed to pay \$462 to John McKee, a deputy United States marshal, for expenses incurred by him in 1859 by seizing and carrying off thirty-six members of cargo of Africans landed by the ship Wander, near Savannah, in an effort to evade the anti-slave laws, the thirty-six being afterwards returned to Africa.

Mr. Hill, of Illinois, reported the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, which was placed on the calendar.

The rest of the day was spent in committee of whole on the Indian appropriation bill. There remained thirty of the eighty-one pages of the bill undisposed of when the committee rose, and the House adjourned at 5:10 o'clock.

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